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GRAMIN TICKET BOOKING SERVICE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways have decided to start new 'Gramin Ticket Booking Service' to help rural unemployed youths;

(b) If so, the progress made in this regard so far;

(c) The criteria for issuing the agency to rural unemployed youths under the scheme;

(d) The details of commission provided to the agency; and

(e) The estimated revenue likely to be earned by the Railways under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b): 50 'E' category stations of East Central Railway have been nominated for selection of Gramin Ticket Booking Sevaks (GTBS), out of which selection of 17 GTBS has been finalised and that on 6 stations will be finalised shortly. For 27 stations no applications were received.

(c): The selection of GTBS is done by a Committee of three officers of the Division from Commercial, Finance and Operating Departments after calling application through a notice pasted on the notice board of the station. The GTBS should fulfill the following qualifications: -

i) Applicant should not be under 18 years of age and should be at least Matric pass or equivalent. However, educational qualification can be relaxed by DCM/Sr.DCM if there is no applicant otherwise available.

ii) Applicant should produce a Character Certificate from the Village Head or a Magistrate that he bears a good moral character and is free from any criminal case pending against him.

iii) Applicant with a telephone connection in his office or residence will be preferred.

iv) Applicant should be a local resident of the area served by the station.

v) Applicant should be prepared to give Rs.10,000/- refundable security deposit to the Railway. On completion/termination of contract, pending dues will be adjusted from the Security deposit and balance refunded to GTBS.

(d): GTBS are authorised to realize service charge of Rs.0.50 per ticket from passenger.

(e): Since the scheme has not been implemented yet it is not possible to assess the increase in earning from this scheme.